Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 22 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 23 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 21 Apr 2023 at 10:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for change to more unsettled weather than off late, medium too low for the extent of showers, snow and rain for Sunday.

Headline for Saturday 22 Apr 2023: Largely dry and occasionally sunny, but some lower cloud in north and east. Brisk easterly winds. Freezing level around 1000m.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 22 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 22 Apr 2023

Weather: Dry with prolonged clear then sunny periods for the majority. However low cloud feeding around northern and eastern ranges, most extensive overnight and early Saturday morning, thinning during the day, then thickening for the evening, bringing the chance of some late patchy light rain and summit snow here.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% or more by day, but note lower cloud expected around northern and eastern ranges.

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain, very poor in snow and within cloud with cloud occasional at low to mid-levels in north and east by day.

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Forecast for Saturday 22 Apr 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	26/34 E	28/35 E	28/34 E	26/33 E	22/31 E	22/32 E	22/31 E	24/32 NE	26/35 NE
900	28/36 E	29/36 E	27/32 E	24/31 E	21/30 E	22/32 E	21/30 E	22/30 NE	24/33 NE
600	19/29 E	18/26 E	15/21 E	16/22 E	16/25 E	17/27 E	16/25 E	15/23 NE	15/24 NE
300	11/22 E	8/20 E	5/19 E	7/20 E	8/23 E	9/25 E	8/23 E	7/21 NE	8/24 NE
Glen	17/28 E	15/25 E	7/17 NE	8/17 NE	10/21 NE	13/25 E	12/23 NE	9/20 NE	10/22 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	3/-4	2/-5	2/-6	2/-5	3/-3	4/-2	2/-4	0/-7	-1/-8
900	3/-3	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4	4/-1	5/-1	3/-3	1/-6	0/-7
600	6/1	4/-0	4/-1	5/1	7/3	8/4	6/2	4/-1	3/-2
300	5/2	4/1	4/2	8/6	11/9	11/9	9/7	6/4	5/2
Glen	8/5	7/4	7/4	11/10	14/12	14/12	12/9	9/6	8/5
Freezing Level*	1000m	1000m	900m	1000m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1000m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
As with the last week sunburn in exposure. Some severe wind chill across higher peaks.

Forecast for Sunday 23 Apr 2023
Weather: Rather cloudy with showers that occasionally merge to longer periods of snow and rain. Best of shelter in the south, towards the likes of Knoydart. Snow level 600m lowering 300m or less from early evening.

Maximum wind: North or northeast mean 25-30mph with gusts reaching 40-45mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% in north 80% in south

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases frequently in north and occasionally in south lowering 500m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius increasing 7 Celsius for afternoon
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius decreasing minus 4 Celsius by days end
Freezing level: 700m lowering 400m

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